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June 30th, 1915

Professor F. V. Riethdorf,
Woodstock College,
Woodstock, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of application for a position on the German staff in University College. I shall be glad to have from you any testimonials regarding yourself personally, your training, and your teaching experience. I do not expect that any appointment will be made until we have canvassed the situation very thoroughly and considered quite a number of possible occupants or candidates.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Waltham, Ont.

July - 6 - '15.

Dr Falconer, D. D.
President University of Toronto

Dear Sir,

Referring to my application of last week for a position in the Canadian Dept. of your university and replying to your favour of July 2nd and I hereby bend you a few references regarding myself, my training and my experience.

There are many more certificates and references which I have not

since I had been teaching in smaller schools in the U. S. for a number of years it would be easier for me to transfer a higher position in the U. S. than here in Canada where I had not done any teaching up to that time. My experience in teaching together with my increased knowledge of English qualified me well for work in the highest institutions of learning. As the outmost testimonials show I made good in that work.

Over nine, however, was to settle in Canada for good after 3 or 4 years of work in a few ~~schools~~ colleges and universities in different parts of the U. S. My 2 years staying in Ontario

with me at present. For a particular purpose and in order to gain a certain educational advantage, I sent them to a lawyer in Gy. shortly before the outbreak of the present conflict. I have not heard from the man since.

I was born in Saxony about 39 years ago. After having received an excellent education at several German universities, having gained the Ph.D. at the University of Berlin in 1901, I came to this Continent about 13 years ago in search for a country of pure and genuinely democratic institutions. At first I settled in the U.S. In my desire to get thoroughly acquainted with that country I travelled extensively and taught languages - German, French, Latin - in several smaller schools.

My marriage to a Toronto girl of English-Scotch descent brought me to Canada for the first time about 8 years ago. We resided in Toronto for 2 years or so. During that time I was engaged writing for newspapers concerning conditions in Gy. But my love for teaching was too strong to tie me permanently to newspaper work. My wife and myself argued that

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and my frequent visits to Canada
instilled into me a greater love for
Canada and for British institutions
than for the U. S.

On coming to Canada five good
years ago I was glad to accept
as a starting point the position
which I now hold at Woodstock
College. My work has been successful
in every respect. And my aim is
for a position in a higher institution
and as I held from 1899-1913
hence this application.

Because of my British allegiance
and my admiration for British
institutions together with my conviction
that U. S. is responsible for the
present war, I consider it a duty

and a privilege to take an active part in patriotic work at this time. This work has brought me in intimate contact with

Dr Albert Abbott of the University and other men of prominence in Toronto and all over this province where, so far, I have been lecturing in 72 cities and towns. As I stated the other day I should be glad to teach on part time at a reduced salary for a year or so if there is not enough work to keep me on full time. In order to fill out my spare time Dr Abbott could make good use of my services particularly in counties where there is a large German element.

In explanation of the book "From Rough Rider to President" I want to say that Dr Kullerich, the author of the German work, was an exchange-professor in the U. S. for a few years. I became acquainted with him and translated the work into English. I can let you have a copy if you care to.

I dropped the "Von" before my name at the outbreak of the war. Being of a democratic mind I never had liked that prefix anyhow.

Please return the enclosed copies to me in due time especially since two of them are originals.

Very respectfully and Truly Yours,
F. V. Riethof
C. Manager Taylor
Merchants Bank of Canada.
Walkerton, Ont.

P. S. ^{fit} ^{my head quarters} ^{during my} ^{campaign.}
Walkerton are

July 10th, 1915

Dr. F. V. Riethdorf,

Walkerton, Ont.

Dear Dr. Riethdorf:

We have just appointed Professor Fairley of the University of Alberta as Associate Professor of German in University College. Our other positions are to be filled as they were last year, consequently there is no opening on the staff to which you could be nominated this year. I am returning your certificates to you.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

